

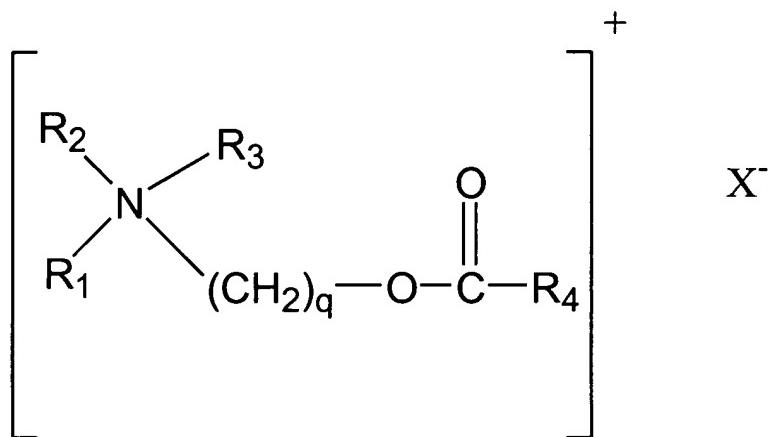
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 20 (previously added) A fabric softening composition comprising:

(a) from 0.01 % to 35%, by weight, of a cationic softener wherein said cationic softener is an esterquat which is a biodegradable fatty ester quaternary ammonium compound having the formula:



wherein R4 represents an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having from 8 to 22 carbon atoms, R₂ and R₃ represent (CH₂)_s-R₅ where R₅ represents an alkoxy carbonyl group containing from 8 to 22 carbon atoms, benzyl, phenyl, (C1-C4) – alkyl substituted phenyl, OH or H; R1 represents (CH₂)_t R₆ where R₆ represents benzyl, phenyl, (C1-C4) – alkyl substituted phenyl, OH or H; q, s, and t, each independently, represent an integer from 1 to 3; and X⁻ is a softener compatible anion;.

(b) at least 0.001%, by weight, of a water soluble cross-linked cationic polymer derived from the polymerization of from 5 to 100 mole percent of a cationic vinyl addition monomer, from 0 to 95 mole percent of acrylamide, and from 70 to 300 ppm of a difunctional vinyl addition monomer cross-linking agent; and

(c) a perfume.

Claim 21 (previously added) The fabric softening composition of claim 20, wherein said cationic polymer is derived from said polymerization using 75 to 200 ppm of said cross-linking agent.

Claim 22 (previously added) The fabric softening composition of claim 21, wherein said cationic polymer is derived from said polymerization using 80 to 150 ppm of said cross-linking agent.

Claim 23 (previously added) The fabric softening composition of claim 20, wherein said cationic polymer is a cross-linked cationic vinyl polymer.

Claim 24 (previously added) The fabric softening composition of claim 23, wherein said polymer comprises a quaternary ammonium salt of an acrylate or methacrylate.

Claim 25 (previously added) The fabric softening composition of claim 24 wherein said polymer comprises a quaternary ammonium salt of dimethyl aminoethyl methacrylate.

Claim 26 (previously added) The fabric softening composition of claim 20 further including a chelating compounds selected from the group consisting of amino carboxylic acid compounds, organo aminophosphonic acid compounds and mixtures thereof.

Claim 27-28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (previously added) The fabric softening composition of claim 20 which further comprises a perfume.